



EXHIBITION 2026

***HUNTINGTON MUSEUM OF ART
Switzer Gallery***

March 21, 2026 to June 21, 2026

***Sponsored by Tri-State Arts Association,
Huntington Museum of Art, West Virginia
Department of Tourism and the
National Endowment for the Arts.***



**HUNTINGTON
MUSEUM OF ART**



The Tri-State Arts Association held its first meeting on September 20, 1953 of the Tri-State Area (WV, KY and OH). From that first meeting to this day, our Association continues to have a positive relationship with the Huntington Museum of Art. The Tri-State Arts Association sponsors a biennial juried art exhibition that draws artists from the Tri-State Area (West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio).

This exhibit is in collaboration with the Huntington Museum of Art and will be on display from March 21 to June 21, 2026. As cited in our mission, "The Tri-State Arts Association seeks to share our appreciation and enjoyment of the arts within our community and make our region an arts destination."

**Website: <https://www.tri-stateartsassociation.org>
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TSAA P. O. Box 2263, Huntington, WV 25723

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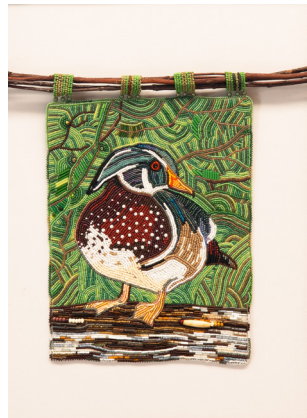
All artwork is available for sale, except those marked NFS (Not For Sale). Please contact Leigh McDonald 954-857-1269 or Laura Moul 304-416-4522. Art can't be picked up until the end of the show, which is June 22, 2026 from 10 am - 12 noon and 1-5 pm.

BEST OF SHOW
Adam Gedney
Hoof and Thneed
Photography
NFS



1ST PLACE
Lee Ann Billups Blevins
Birdwatching
Oil
\$625

2ND PLACE
Christina Senior
Wood Duck
Bead Embroidery
\$850





3RD PLACE
Paula Womacks
Carnival
Fiber/Needle Felt/Wet Felt
\$1500

MEMORIAL AWARDS

KATHY WELCH (2023)
Deborah Kovas-Sturdevant
The Astronomer
Polymer Clay & Mixed Media
\$800



ROBERT HUTTON (2025)
Larry Sumpter
Sailing at Sunset
Oil on Canvas
\$495

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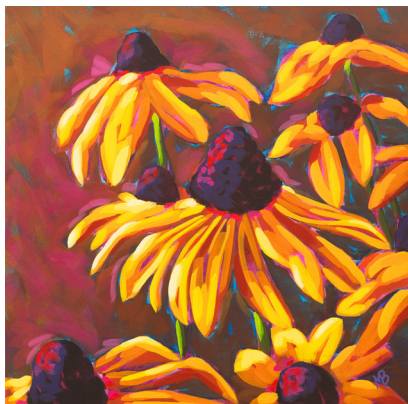
ROBERT CREMEANS (2025)

Maggie Bogdan

Wild Gold

Acrylic

NFS



CARTER TAYLOR SEATON

(2025)

Chelsea Glidden

Sunkissed

Mixed Media

NFS

DENNIS SHOPE (2025)

Diane Arthur

Golden Girls

Watercolor/Modern

\$1500



In Memoriam (just notified)

Peggy McComas (2025) painter

Maurice Mufson (2026) photographer

HONORABLE MENTION

Photography/Digital Art David Schwenker

Train Station
Photography
\$500

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Painting Joe Sartor

Feline Fantasy
Acrylic
\$750

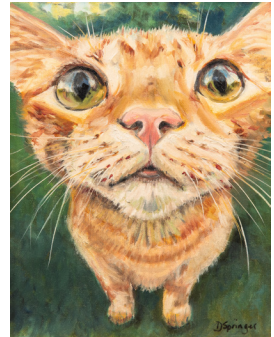
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Painting Diane Springer

Curious Cat
Oil
\$300

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Out, In & About
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3D Jerry Womacks

High Gear
Wood Turned
NFS

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OUR JURORS

Heidi Bender Kauffman, B.A., M.F.A.

Heidi is an artist and art educator whose work spans large-scale installations, performances, and sculpture exploring technology, nature, and human connection. Her artwork has appeared in eleven solo exhibitions and public installations across the United States and abroad, including Motherlands at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Tarp Lake (with Marin Abell) at Lowe Mill Arts & Entertainment, and Culture of Construct at ROY G BIV Gallery.

She currently leads The Forest Sentinels Project in collaboration with student artists and scientists at Shawnee State University, the Trillium Project, and the Appalachian Ohio Climate Network. Kauffman holds an MFA from Ohio University and a BA from Hope College. She lives in Portsmouth, Ohio, where she serves as lead educator at the Southern Ohio Museum and works as an artist with the Trillium Project.

Rita Montrosse, B.A., M.A.

My paintings reflect a personal relationship with my environment of West-Virginia or in my travels. My many sketches and photographs provide material for my watercolors/mixed media paintings and influence jewelry designs. Whatever media I use, I usually work in a series starting with a representational theme and pushing it as far as I can in developing the concepts.

Teaching over 34 years as an art teacher at Princeton High School, I am an adjunct jewelry, watercolor, and art educator at Concord University. I paint in watercolor and I am a jeweler who casts and fabricates fine jewelry. I have achieved Signature Memberships in: Baltimore Watercolor Society, Kentucky Watercolor Society, Georgia Watercolor Society, Southern Watercolor Society and the West Virginia Watercolor Society.

JURORS STATEMENT About this Biennial Exhibition

In jurying the Tri-State Arts Association Biennial Exhibition, we wanted to represent a wide range of artistic voices and media. Knowing that each artist works from a unique framework, we evaluated each artwork on consistent artistic principles first. How strong was the composition? How expertly or innovatively was the medium handled? How did the technique work towards the ultimate expression of the concept that the artist was trying to convey?

We were delighted by the diversity of expression found within the Tri-State region. We encourage all artists who submitted to continue their exploration of the creative world.

Thank you. Heidi Bender Kauffman and Rita Montrosse



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2026 TSAA JURIED BIENNIAL EXHIBITION

Diane K. Arthur

Golden Girls

Watercolor/Modern

Proctorville, Ohio

\$1500 **Dennis Shope
Memorial Award**

Terri Barron

Mission Accomplished

Oil

Ironton, Ohio

NFS

Kristen Bird

Let Us Pray

Colored Pencil

Cincinnati, Ohio

\$850

Lee Ann Billups Blevins

Birdwatching

Oil

Kenova, West Virginia

\$625 **1ST PLACE**

Faithful Friend

Oil

\$750

Maggie Bogdan

Wild Gold

Acrylic

South Point, Ohio

NFS **Robert Cremeans
Memorial Award**

Mike Bowen

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Mixed Media

Huntington, West Virginia

\$950

Amy Bump

Hunting Brunch-Bombus

Huntii and Caragana

Arborescens

Oil on Canvas

Huntington, West Virginia

\$900

C Cassano

*Still Life with Cherries
and Saucer*

Acrylic

Huntington, West Virginia

\$600

Linda Clifford

Folly Beach Pier

Infrared Photography

Milton, West Virginia

\$180

Rachael Crawford

Perturbed

Watercolor/mixed media

Ashland, Kentucky

NFS

J. Bird Cremeans

Pride and Prejudice

Digital Art

Huntington, West Virginia

\$1600

Rick Davis

Heron and Reeds

Photograph
Lexington, Kentucky
\$250

Greg Fairchild

Golden Storm Diptich

Acrylic Pour
South Point, Ohio
\$399

Bob Fisher

I Love My Guitar

Sculpture
Charleston, West Virginia
\$300

Adam Gedney

Hoof and Threed

Photography NFS
BEST OF SHOW

Reflection Photography
Barboursville, West Virginia
\$1200

Chelsea Glidden

Sunkissed Ceramics
NFS Glenville, West Virginia

**Carter Taylor Seaton
Memorial Award**

Seth Hill

View from King's Highway

Oil Clarksburg, West Virginia
\$650

Brandon Howard

Inside Merlin's Cave

Oil on Wood Panel
Barboursville, West Virginia
NFS

Vernon Howell

Out in and About

Mixed Media
Barboursville, West Virginia
\$900

Darren Jackson

King and Queen

Stoneware
Mason, West Virginia
\$1400

Blue Mexican Lace

Stoneware \$350

Cail Jones

War Tiles

Ceramic
Winchester, Kentucky
\$500

Creature

Ceramics
NFS

**Homaira(Ahmed)
Khatun**

Set of Four Stoneware

Hurricane, West Virginia
\$400

Tall Vase Stoneware

\$1500

**Deborah Kovacs-
Sturdevant**

The Fortune Teller

Polymer Clay/Mixed Media

Cincinnati, Ohio

\$800

**Kathy Welch
Memorial Award**

Rick MacDowell

Abandoned Factory Graffiti

Photography

Charleston, West Virginia

\$365

Pierced Photography

\$245

Michael Maxson

Far From Home

Photography

Hurricane, West Virginia

NFS

Leigh McDonald

Quail Hollow

Watercolor Pour

Mixed Media

Proctorville, Ohio

\$575

Jade Mollohan

(Forrest James)

Forged Nature Spirit #1

Mixed Media (Found Objects)

Gallipolis, Ohio

NFS

Ace Moore

Horatio Triptych

Digital

Huntington, West Virginia

\$500

Melanie Myhre

The Curious Crossing Into

Elsewhere

Acrylic

Barboursville, West Virginia

\$475

D.C. Offutt, Jr.

On The Prowl

Photography

Barboursville, West Virginia

NFS

Rare Macaw Pair

Photography NFS

Gaelin Quest

Gilgamesh and Enkidu

Digital Art

Beckley, West Virginia

\$250

Debbie Richardson

Hummingbird Delight

Watercolor

Huntington, West Virginia

\$750

Joe Sartor

*Peaceful Assembly on
Main*

Acrylic

Morehead, Kentucky

\$750

Feline Fantasy

Acrylic

\$750

Honorable Mention

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David Schwenker

Train Station

Photography

Huntington, West Virginia

\$500

Honorable Mention

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Aluminize

Randy Selbe

Wild as the Wind

Ceramics/Clay

Hurricane, West Virginia

\$395

Lightening Storm

Ceramics/Clay

\$355

Christina Senior

Wood Duck

Bead Embroidery

Huntington, West Virginia

\$850

2ND PLACE

Nectar Snack

Bead Embroidery

\$400

Diane Springer

Curious Cat

Oil

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\$300

Honorable Mention

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Larry Sumpter

Sailing at Sunset

Oil on Canvas

Culloden, West Virginia

\$495

Robert Hutton

Memorial Award

Jesse Thornton

The Frederick

Photograph on Aluminum

Huntington, West Virginia

\$320

Marshall Memorial Fountain

Photograph on Aluminum

\$320

Tanya Warwick

Phoenix Rising

Glass Mosaic

Argillite, Kentucky

\$1200

Maija Wehr

Twisted Flower Birch

Soda Fired Ceramic

Dry Ridge, Kentucky

\$100

Abstract

Soda Fired Ceramic

\$250

Romey Williamson

Ego Death

Ink on Illustration Board
Lavalette, West Virginia
\$500

Jeff Wolf

Azura

Photography
Worthington, Kentucky
\$150

Jerry Womacs

High Gear

Wood Turned
Yellow Springs, Ohio
NFS

Honorable Mention 3D

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Paula Womacks

Carnival

Fiber/Needle Felt/Wet Felt
Yellow Springs, Ohio
NFS

3RD PLACE

Garden Friend

Fiber/Needle Felt/ Wet Felt
\$1200

Cecil Ybanez

Cygnas

Mixed Media
Richwood, West Virginia
\$1853

Cecil Ybanez

War Makes Monsters Of All of Us

Polymer Air Dry Clay/Found Object
\$1750

SUMMARY

156 entries by 80 artists

60 art entries were selected into this biennial exhibition created by artists.

This was a very competitive exhibition!

acrylic painting	12%
bead embroidery	3%
ceramic	12%
colored pencil	2%
fiber	5%
glass mosaic	2%
ink	2%
mixed media	10%
oil painting	17%
photography	20%
polymer clay	2%
stoneware	6%
sculpture	2%
watercolor painting	5%

Monetary awards totaled \$1500 and were announced at the opening reception Sunday, March 22, 2026.

TRI-STATE ARTS ASSOCIATION
PO. Box 2263 Huntington, WV 25723

2026 BIENNIAL EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

Leigh McDonald, Chairperson.



Receiving: Leigh McDonald, Laura Moul, Ann Grimes, Diane Arthur-Smallwood, Brandon Howard, Linda Clifford, Pam Conley, Trish Trent; **Brandon Howard Jurying Day:** Leigh McDonald, Laura Moul, Diane Springer, Josh Perry, Brandon Howard, Linda Clifford, Diane Arthur-Smallwood **Reception:** Linda Childers, Christie Saunders **Pick-up:** Michelle Alford, Diane Smallwood-Arthur, Delores Johnson. **Pick-up** end of show: Leigh McDonald, Laura Moul

Special thanks to entire 2026 Biennial Exhibition Committee, and to Jesse Thornton for photographing winning art pictured in this program. Appreciation to Laura Moul who compiled this book and the small price sheet. Special recognition should be to Leigh McDonald to all the work she did as chairperson. Leigh also produced the exhibit tags for our biennial exhibition.

OFFICERS

President: Laura Moul **Vice President:** Kris Hillen, Lesley Yang
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS Pam Conley, Linda Clifford, Linda Childers, Sandra Wiehe, Melody Pyles, Leigh McDonald, Christie Saunders, Diane Arthur-Smallwood

SAVE THE DATES

Jurying of New Members Saturday, April 25, 2026 9 am to 12:30 pm Studio 2 behind the Huntington Museum of Art. Prospective members need to bring 5 pieces of original art in the same medium to be considered for membership into the Tri-State Arts Association, along with the \$35 jurying. For more information visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TriStateArtsAssociation>.

Spring Art in the Park Saturday, June 6 10 am-5 pm;
Sunday, June 7 11 am-5pm

Fall Art in the Park Saturday, September 19 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, September 20 11 am - 5 pm


Ritter Park near 10th Street and 13th Ave in Huntington, WV

website <http://www.tri-stateartsassociation.org>

TRI-STATE ARTS ASSOCIATION information as of 1/15/26

The Tri-Statw Arts Association sponsors a biennial juried art exhibition that draws artists from the tri-state area. With 133 members, 72% are from West Virginia, 16% from Ohio and 12% from Kentucky.

Looking at our members, 3% are oil painters, 20% watercolor, 15% acrylic painters, 11% photographers, 10% mixed media, 2% fiber art, and 5% pottery/ceramics. The remaining members with 13% are from these areas: pastel, drawing, graphic design/digital art, illustration, serigraph/monoprint, ink, mosiac, 3D fabric, woodcarving, stained glass, woodburning, felt, and fine metal jewelry.




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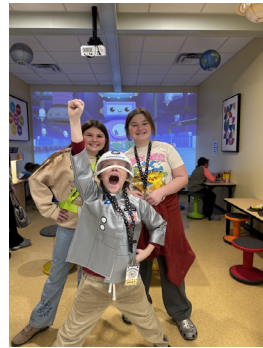
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